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FWS GETS \$1,060,000 TO START WORK ON SIX NEW FISH HATCHERIES

Engineering work on the \$2,856,000 Federal fish hatchery program which has just received Presidential approval will begin at once, and actual construction will get underway as quickly as possible, Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton said today.

Of the total available, \$1,060,000 is for six new hatcheries, two of which will be enlarged replacements for existing facilities. Two hatcheries are being constructed for the propagation of trout only, two for warm-water fish only and two are combination facilities for both trout and warm-water fish.

Both catchable-size and fingerling trout will be produced. The warm-water hatcheries will rear walleye and northern pike fry, and bass, bluegill and catfish fry and fingerlings.

The list of the new hatcheries follows:

Miles City, Montana--Estimated cost, \$465,000; appropriation, \$359,000; warm-water varieties to supply several thousand ponds in Montana and adjacent areas; replaces existing inadequate facilities.

Pittsford, Vermont--Estimated cost \$220,000; appropriation \$175,000; trout for planting the streams of the Green Mountain National Forest and other waters of the State; annual capacity of 50,000 pounds of catchable size and fingerling trout; replacement for existing facilities which produce 12,000 pounds annually.

John Rock area, near Brevard, North Carolina, Pisgah National Forest--Estimated cost, \$375,000; appropriation \$285,000; trout for Pisgah, Santeelah, Wires Creek, Standing Indian, Wayan, Sherwood, Rich Laurel, Mt. Mitchell and Daniel Boone Management areas, all plantings to be in conformance with North Carolina management programs; annual capacity, 40,000 pounds of catchable size and fingerling trout.

Paint Bank, Virginia--Estimated cost \$746,000; appropriation \$81,000; combination hatchery--trout for streams in the national forests in Virginia and part of West Virginia, warm-water varieties for appropriate waters in those States; annual production capacity 125,000 pounds, catchable size and fingerlings.

Cedar Bluff, Trego County, Kansas--Estimated cost, \$450,000; appropriation, \$80,000; warm-water varieties for distribution in Kansas and Oklahoma and parts of Colorado, Nebraska and New Mexico; annual capacity approximately six million fry and fingerlings.

State of West Virginia--Estimated cost \$600,000; appropriation \$80,000; combination--trout for the streams in the Monongahela National Forest and other waters, warm-water varieties for appropriate areas in West Virginia; annual production capacity, 100,000 pounds.

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